In the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A transponder-reader transaction system configured with a biometric security system device, said system comprising:
- a transponder configured to communicate with a reader, wherein said reader and said biometric security device are configured to communicate with a host;

a reader configured to communicate with said system;

said biometric security device comprising a biometric sensor configured to detect a proffered biometric sample, said biometric sensor <u>is</u> configured to communicate with said system; and,

- a <u>verification</u> device configured to verify said proffered biometric sample to facilitate a <u>payment</u> transaction.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 1, wherein said <u>biometric</u> sensor is configured to communicate with said <u>transponder-reader transaction</u> system via <u>at least</u> one of a <u>said</u> transponder, a <u>said</u> reader, and a network.
- 3. (Original) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 1, wherein said biometric sensor is configured to facilitate a finite number of scans.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 1, wherein said biometric sensor is configured to store log data comprising at least one of a detected biometric sample, a processed biometric sample and a stored biometric sample, and wherein said biometric sensor is further configured to employ a security procedure when said proffered biometric sample differs from said log data.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 1, further including a database configured to store a data packet packet, wherein said data packet includes at least one of proffered and registered biometric samples, proffered and registered user information, terrorist information, and criminal information.

- 6. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 5, wherein said database is contained in at least one of the <u>said</u> transponder, <u>transponder said</u> reader, <u>said</u> <u>biometric</u> sensor, <u>a</u> remote server, <u>a</u> merchant server and <u>said</u> transponder-reader system.
- 7. (Original) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 6, wherein said remote database is configured to be operated by an authorized sample receiver.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 1, further including a <u>comparison</u> device configured to compare a <u>said</u> proffered biometric sample with <u>a</u> stored biometric sample.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 8, wherein said <u>comparison</u> device is configured to compare at least one <u>a biometric sample</u> characteristic, <u>said biometric sample characteristic</u> of a biometric sample including minutia, vascular patterns, prints, waveforms, odorants, nodal points, reference points, size, shape, thermal patterns, blood flow, and body heat.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 8, wherein said <u>comparison</u> device configured to compare a biometric sample is at least one of a third-party security vendor device and <u>a protocol/sequence controller</u>.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 8, wherein a said stored biometric sample comprises a registered biometric sample.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 11, wherein a said registered biometric sample is associated with at least one of: personal information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, and loyalty point information.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 12, wherein each of different said registered biometric samples are associated with a different one of: personal information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, and loyalty point information.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 12, wherein a said biometric sample is primarily associated with at least one of a first user information account, wherein said first account comprises personal information, credit card information, debit card

information, savings account information, and loyalty point information, and wherein a <u>said</u> biometric sample is secondarily associated with at <u>least one of a second user account</u>, wherein said second information comprises personal information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, and loyalty point information, where <u>said</u> second user <u>account</u> is different than <u>said</u> first user <u>account</u>.

- 15. (Original) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 1, wherein said transponder-reader transaction system is configured to begin mutual authentication upon verification of said proffered biometric sample.
- 16. (Original) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 1, wherein said transponder is configured to deactivate upon rejection of said proffered biometric sample.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 1, wherein said biometric sensor is configured to provide a notification upon detection of a said proffered biometric sample, and wherein said notification is at least one of a notification to a security vendor, a notification to a store employee, and a notification to a primary account holder that said primary account is being accessed.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 1, wherein said <u>verification</u> device configured to verify is <u>further</u> configured to facilitate at least one of access, activation of a device, a financial transaction, and a non-financial transaction.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The transponder-reader transaction system of claim 1, wherein said <u>verification</u> device configured to verify is configured to facilitate the use of at least one a secondary security procedure, <u>which includes sending a signal to said host to notify that an established rule for said transponder is being violated</u>.